

## Several Unlocked Cars Entered This Week; Two Bicycles Stolen

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Overnight from Monday, September 7 into Tuesday, September 8, thieves entered six unlocked cars in the Village as follows:

- **Grafton Street:** Three cars were entered; one in the unit block, two in the middle block. Cash and coins stolen.
- **5600 block of Kirkside Drive:** Two cars entered; nothing taken.
- **4100 block of Oliver Street:** Coins, a GPS, and a raincoat stolen.

That same night (Mon-Tue), a bicycle was stolen from the open garage in the 5800 block of Kirkside Drive, and the bike was recovered on the front lawn of a home on Grafton Street between Chevy Chase Circle and Cedar Parkway. We believe that the same thieves that were entering cars also stole and abandoned this bicycle.

Due to the recent rash of nighttime thefts, Village police requested additional resources from County police. County detectives were in the Village in the early morning hours of Thursday, September 10 when they spotted two suspicious men. The detectives lost sight of the two men. Later in the morning, as residents went out to their cars, they reported the following vehicles entered:

- **Middle block of Grafton Street** (between Cedar and Kirkside): Two unlocked cars were entered. Papers taken from one car that was parked on the street; a garage door opener and sunglasses were taken from the other which was parked in the driveway.
- **4000 block of Oliver Street:** An unlocked car parked on the street was entered; nothing taken.

And at about 7:40 p.m. on September 10, a resident witnessed a black male in his 30's take a bicycle that was in the driveway of her neighbor's house in the middle block of Grafton. The suspect rode off toward Chevy Chase Circle. Village officers responded right away; the suspect was not located.

We need your help to stop this spike in thefts. Please close and lock your garages, lock your cars every time you park, and secure your bicycles.

Village Police will continue to work with Montgomery County detectives to identify those responsible.